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GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

GAINESVILLE, Fla – Oct. 2, 2006 – The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) elected new officers at its monthly board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Peter L. Johnson, owner of Goalmasters consulting firm, is the new chairman of the Airport Authority. Johnson has been serving on the board since December 2004 and was re-appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush in August 2006. He is a leader in the community and has more than 30 years of experience in management and leadership positions within a wide variety of industries.

“I am excited about working with the Airport staff and Airport Authority, with the goal of continuing to improve the Airport this next year,” Johnson said.

Johnson co-founded Gainesville's E.F. Hutton (now Smith Barney) and later Dean Witter (now Morgan Stanley) locations while serving as a branch manager. He has served many other companies, including Prometa AB, a Swedish based computer development firm where he served as chief executive officer, Heat Pipe Technology, an air conditioning technology company based in Gainesville where he was the chief operating officer, Acappella Spring Water Company where he was chairman and president and TropicKool Engineering in Largo, FL where he served in the position of chairman and president.



Johnson holds a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Florida. He has lived in Gainesville since 1978 and is married to UF/IFAS professor of human nutrition, Gail Kauwell, PhD, RD, LDN.

Joe G. Dunlap was elected as the vice chairman and has been serving on the board since August 2004.

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Dunlap is chairman of the board of directors for AvMed Healthplan and vice chairman of Santa Fe Health Care.

He is a former president of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and director of First Union Bank of Gainesville. Dunlap holds a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Florida and is a former pilot for Eastern Airlines.

Kinnon Thomas, owner of Mirror Image Recording Studios and Via Media and Marketing in Gainesville, was selected to serve a second term as the secretary/treasurer. Thomas has been serving on the board since August 2004. He holds a bachelor of arts in journalism from Louisiana State University.

Thomas is involved in the community and a number of organizations, including the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board and East Gainesville SPROUT Task Force, Gainesville Advertising Federation, and Gainesville Downtown Owners and Tenants.

GACRAA is governed by a nine-member board, appointed by the City of Gainesville, the Governor and Alachua County. Other members serving on the board include Billy Brashear, William R. Breeze, Joe G. Dunlap, Mark Goldstein, W.E. "Mac" McEachern, James L. Stringfellow, Sr. and Marilyn L. Tubb.

James L. Stringfellow is the out-going chairman, serving two years as chairman of the Airport Authority, and Marilyn L. Tubb is the out-going vice chairwoman.

About Gainesville Regional Airport

Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: general aviation, commercial airlines, military and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, approximately 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville and just minutes away from the University of Florida, Gainesville Regional Airport provides a close, convenient and competitively priced "gateway" to the Heart of Florida. For more information, visit www.flygainesville.com or contact Michelle Danisovszky at (352) 373-0249.

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